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Candance Boeh, student teacher at Horace Mann Laboratory School, helps her first graders read music while in music class.



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Maryville entered into a partnership with SculptureOne, a program that promotes the sale of art pieces by displaying them in public places.

The Missourian takes a look at changes coming to Maryville and Northwest

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After a year of twerking and tongue protrusion, the end of the world and government shutdown, 2014 is a refreshing start for everyone, Maryville included. With several chang-

es and new opportunities all across town, Northwest and the community of Maryville have a lot to look forward to in the coming months.

More than 600 Northwest students will be affected as the teacher preparation programs undergo changes in curriculum and re-accreditation this year. Both state and national accreditation agencies will be on campus throughout the semester examining the programs, according to Provost Doug Dunham.

"With all the changes that are happening at the state with regards to teacher prepara-

tion, the teacher preparation programs are working hard at making sure our curriculum is aligned with the new expectations," Dunham said. "We're doing our best job preparing our students to succeed when they take these assessments."

Specific changes in curriculum include replacing the department entrance exam, formerly the College Basic Academic Subjects Examination, with the Missouri General Education Assessment and replacing the teacher certification exam Praxis with the Missouri Pre-service Teacher Assessment.

This change will result in changes in course material and preparations for future teachers with more in-depth information and different approaches to assessment and teaching.

Students will see changes in representation as well as curriculum. The Board of Regents is preparing to welcome a new student regent as Ashton Rafferty prepares to end his time with the Board. Candidates for the position are Northwest students Morgan Brown, Mark Langemach and Ve'Shawn Dixon. The

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Steiner takes over as dean of arts, sciences



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Michael Steiner will replace former arts and sciences Dean Charles McAdams.

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The College of Arts and Sciences didn't have to go too long in its search for a replacement for Dean Charles McAdams, who resigned from Northwest last fall.

After a few short months, Michael Steiner, Ph.D, was chosen from among 32 applicants to head the college that encompasses 10 departments; including natural sciences, fine and performing arts, and English and modern languages. Steiner has served as the chair of the department of humanities and social sciences at Northwest since 2008 and has been a member of the Northwest faculty since 1997.

"From a leadership perspective, he has a very broad understanding of the demands for our future graduates," Provost Doug Dunham said. "He is thoughtful and analytic and has earned the respect from his colleagues."

As an academic dean, Steiner will supervise all operations of the departments in the college. He will also work with the department chairs to make sure each department is resourced properly and will advise on curriculum matters from time to time.

"I'm really excited about learning about the other four departments in the college," Steiner said. "Personally, I have a very broad interest in the arts and sciences and look forward to working with the faculty and the chairs in the other departments."

While the College of Arts and Sciences welcomes in a new leadership voice, the Melvin D. and Valerie G. Booth College of Business and Professional studies is still without a dean after more than two years of searching. Dunham understood why it may seem perplexing to an outsider why the Booth College dean search is taking so much longer than the dean search in the College of Arts and Sciences, which only took two months.

"In the arts and sciences, you have a very broad representation of disciplines. So when you get candidates for a college of business and professional studies, it really narrows down the pool of candidates," Dunham said.

The University is in the process of working with a search firm to fill the vacant position at the Booth College. This search firm will actively recruit candidates, rather than in years past when the University posted the job opening and waited for applicants.

University mourned loss of student during break

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Students and faculty of Northwest mourned the loss of student Christina Marie Worsfold. Worsfold, 23, died of natural causes at her house off-campus December 11, 2013. She received her undergraduate degree in elementary education from Northwest in 2013 and worked as a graduate assistant in Northwest's Teacher Education Student Services office.

Worsfold was studying to be a reading teacher and was reported to have a passion for helping children with reading difficulties. Fellow Northwest students grieved over social media sites and a public gathering was held in the J.W. Jones Student Union on December 13.

Visitation services for Worsfold were held at the West Center Chapel in Omaha, Nebraska, December 15 through 16. Worsfold was buried at Calvary Cemetery on December 16 after a mass of Christian burial at St. Adalbert Catholic Church.

Trial date set after Rouch's hearing

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The preliminary hearing of former Northwest journalism professor Matt Rouch was a quiet affair with only two witnesses brought to the stand: University Police Chief Clarence Green and Lieutenant Mike Ceperley.

Both testified in regards to the search of Rouch's home and vehicle. These searches were in response to a phone call by Matt Walker, mass communication department chair, who stated Rouch said he had a bomb in his coat and that Rouch had made a statement on his Facebook that was, in Green's words, "terroristic" in tone.

The search of Rouch's home turned up a large amount of drug paraphernalia along with 10 plants of marijuana.

"We found scales, bonges and leaves all on the floor," Green said. "The plants were sent to lab and were discovered to be marijuana."

A large amount of marijuana tends to lead to the assumption that the suspect is selling, but both Green and Ceperley felt there was no reason to believe this.

"Aside from the scales, there is no evidence to prove he was selling," Green said. The lack of receipts was what led Ceperley to believe this as well.

The trial is going to be reassigned to the circuit court and will continue Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.

Coleman case comes to close as Barnett pleads guilty

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Nearly two years following the alleged rapes of two teen-aged girls in Maryville, the court found Matthew Barnett not guilty to felony rape charges Thursday, Jan. 9.

After an investigation by special prosecutor Jean Peters-Baker, any evidence suggesting that Barnett had raped Daisy Coleman did not hold.

Matthew Barnett, accompanied by his parents and attorney Jay Hobbs, pled guilty to a second degree misdemeanor for endangering the welfare of a child at the Nodaway County Courthouse shortly after 10:45 a.m. Jan. 9.

"(This charge) accurately reflects the conduct for which (Barnett) should be held ac-

countable," said Barnett's attorney, Jay Hobbs. "There is absolutely no evidence that political favoritism played a role in the decision of the prosecutor. Mr. Barnett truly regrets the actions to which he has pled guilty."

Barnett entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to 120 days in the Nodaway County Jail by Nodaway County Associate Circuit Judge Glen Dietrich. That sentencing was suspended pending the completion of a two-year probationary period for Barnett, which will be made effective immediately.

According to a press release from the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, Barnett will not be allowed to possess, consume or be present around alcohol and can not have any

contact with Coleman. Barnett must also complete 100 hours of community service, pay \$1,800 in restitution to the Coleman family, obtain a substance abuse evaluation and consent to blood, breath and urine tests during his probation.

Barnett must also acknowledge a verbal apology to Daisy Coleman, which has been done through Peters-Baker and will be passed to the Colemans at a later date.

One day after the two-year anniversary of the incident, which took place Jan. 8, 2012, Baker announced her findings and the charges, noting that she had multiple conversations with the Colemans and Barnetts throughout the investigation.

"For the citizens of this town, this is a good day," Baker said in a press conference outside the courthouse following the hearing. "It is an opportunity

for this town to heal."

After a review of her own investigation and previous evidence, Baker said she concluded that there could be no felony or sexual assault charges against Barnett.

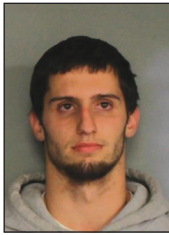
"Legally, we could not get that charge over the bar," Baker said. She added that if the evidence existed to allow her to file a felony sex charge, "I would have done it."

Through Baker, the Colemans released a statement.

The statement by Daisy Coleman read:

"I want to thank everyone who supported me and my family during these past two years. Your support has meant so much to me. Today, I am grateful that the defendant took responsibility by pleading guilty to the charges. I am ready to move

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Matt Barnett

Turnovers dooming boys' team

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After a fourth straight loss Tuesday night, the Maryville boys' basketball team sits at 3-8 and started the post-winter break slate 0-2. The Spoofhounds fell 57-46 to Chillicothe, in large part due to a lengthy Hornet run toward the end of the third quarter to pull away from Maryville, according to head coach Mike Kuwitzky.

"Tough game on the road, quality opponent," Kuwitzky said. "We got within two in the third quarter, and then they had a stretch where they went on like an 8-0 run and extended their two-point lead to 10, then it was uphill after that.

"Right now we're not playing as consistent as we need to be all four quarters each game."

Poor decision making and off-target passes have become problems in most of the Maryville missteps, as well as subpar shooting. According to Kuwitzky, the turnovers are working doubly against his team, as bad offense is leading to easy shots for opponents on the other end.

"We've just got to keep working on fundamentals, just keep working on creating a chemistry amongst the teammates and getting people to play together," Kuwitzky said. "Learning the system and staying in the system – right now, that's the biggest challenge we're having is getting people staying within the system and playing the system."

The Spoofhounds play three non-conference opponents in the span of five days, supplying a chance for Maryville to get back on track and fix some issues before getting back into MEC competition.

That short-time trio of matches consists of playing at 7 p.m. tonight at Auburn, against Falls City Friday in Maryville and against Mid-Buchanan Monday at home as well.

Heading into the weekend, the Spoofhounds own an overall record of 3-8, including one win and two losses against MEC competition.

"The importance for these next few games is steady improvement and to try to get better and try to start off with our game tomorrow night against Auburn to try to get a win there," Kuwitzky said. "That's what we wanna take is one game at a time and try to get better each game and hopefully try to get a win."



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Sophomore forward Josie Patton rises for a rebound Monday night against Savannah. The Spoofhounds lost without their top scorer, Chelsea Byland.

Girls lose veteran starter, leading scorer indefinitely

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The Maryville girls' basketball team suffered another loss in the absence of its long-time starter, Chelsea Byland, Monday night.

Byland has a stress fracture in her right leg and is out indefinitely. Byland has to be on crutches the next two weeks until her doctor appointment to make the next determination.

"With a stress fracture, you never know," head coach Grant Hageman said. "You could feel good after two weeks, and then you go and run on it and it could start hurting again. It's pretty undetermined right now. I could see her back in three weeks or it could, unfortunately, be longer."

Byland played through volleyball season and the first 10 games of the basketball season with the fracture occurring during the first weeks of the preseason.

"It really started hurting after that first week, and it just never got better," Hageman said. "She is one of the toughest girls we have on the team, and she just kept trying to push through it, thinking it would get better. We had some days where we rested her too, but then it started affecting her performance. You go that long with an injury and it's starting to get worse, you got to get it checked out."

A senior and an experienced starter brings a lot to the team, and Byland fits the mold, being a top performer on this team and past teams. Hageman

is trying to fill the void with several young players, being that Byland is just one of three seniors.

"She's a senior, top performer and brings a ton of leadership," Hageman said. "She's one of best shooters and scorers. Obviously, she brings a lot to the offensive, and she brings a lot of toughness to the defensive end."

Hageman said it is not just as easy as plugging someone in to replace Byland, but that they have taken the replacement-by-committee approach.

"We are having a lot of younger players come in and try to fill the void," Hageman said. "But it is almost impossible to replace a Chelsea Byland. But I really thought some of our younger players are stepping up and filling the void. And obviously too, our seniors are playing harder. It's really by committee. We've got a solid group of players. As long as they keep playing hard and keep improving, I think we're heading in the right direction. And when we do get Chelsea back, we will have a lot of girls with experience, and hopefully, it will all pay off in the end."

Although they are missing their most experienced athlete, Hageman loves having Byland on the bench as an extra coach.

"She just knows our system so well," Hageman said. "She is like an assistant coach. There were times where we have some younger players that needed to go out and execute a play. It was nice when I was up making substitutions and calling plays; I could say, go talk to CB real quick."

Wrestling drops 2 duals due to tiebreaker regulation

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Despite ending in a pair of ties, the Spoofhound wrestlers actually ended the night with two losses.

Maryville finished with a draw against Albany, 36-36, and tied Rock Port, 33-33, but because the rule comes down to most overall victories, the 'Hounds came up short in both instances.

"We knew we weren't going to blow anybody away," head coach Joe Drake said. "We really thought if we kept it close, we could win two duals. Well, we kept it close, but it came down to a couple tie breakers and we came up short.

"Actually tonight turned out to be pretty disappointing because we thought we had a chance to win a couple duals. We just had a couple performances that weren't up to par tonight."

With a lone senior on the roster, Drake said the young Spoofhounds need to take advantage of the weaker

opponents to gain confidence.

The senior, 160-pound Dane Hull, was up 14-2 before he pinned Albany's Adam Putnam. In the second match, Hull caught a stinger on his shoulder as he collided with Rock Port's Noah Mankings.

It was evident that the shoulder stinger affected Hull's performance as he failed to pin Mankings. If Hull found a way to pin Mankings, the Hounds would have beat Rock Port 36-33.

"Dane wrestled really well the first match," Drake said. "He hurt his shoulder in that second match. At first I thought he really thought maybe he was done. I had him squeeze my arm and his grip was good. He came back real fired up. He was a little ticked off he got hurt out there. I think that was a big telling factor about why that second match stayed as close as it did."

Although Hull had one of the more dominating performances Tuesday night, the senior and team captain dismissed his performance as well as the injury.



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Maryville senior Dane Hull, wrestling in the 160-pound class, takes down his opponent during the Tuesday meets with Rock Port and Albany.

"It's fine," Hull said. "It's just a stinger. I just had to wrestle with one arm for a little bit. I was sloppy tonight. I wrestled down to my opponent's level tonight, and I usually don't do that. But it's not districts or

state, so I just got to build on it and don't let it happen again."

The 'Hounds carry a 2-7 season record and will head down to Sabetha, Kan., Thursday to take on Sabetha and Falls City, Neb.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

SPOOFHOUNDS



Zach Schneider



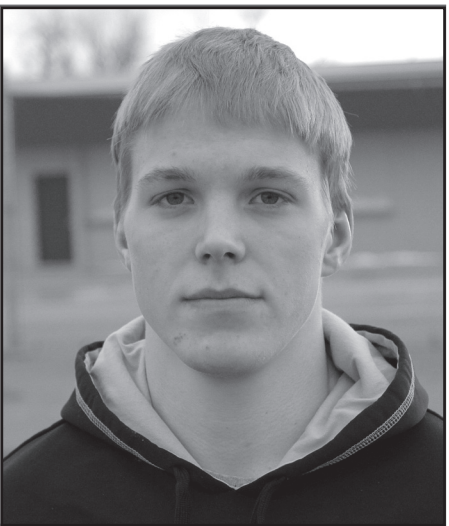
Freshman forward Zach Schneider came off the bench for 18 minutes of strong play in an 85-65 win over Northeastern State Monday, scoring 19 points, including five threes.

Monique Stevens



Senior guard Monique Stevens scored a team-high 14 points for the Bearcats in a win over Northeastern State, including a free throw with six seconds left to force overtime.

Dane Hull



Senior Dane Hull, Maryville's 160-pound wrestler, pinned his first opponent against Albany Tuesday and battled a shoulder injury in his second match to pick up another win.

Mollie Holtman



Sophomore guard Mollie Holtman wound up as the Spoofhounds' leading scorer with seven points in a 42-19 Jan. 10 loss on the road against Lafayette.

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Women look to flip MIAA road fortunes

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With a three-game home winning streak under its belt and newfound confidence following an overtime win Monday night, the Northwest women's basketball team faces another challenge tonight.

The Bearcats (5-9, 2-5) will try to convert their home success to the road for their 5:30 p.m. tipoff at Southwest Baptist (6-7, 1-5).

While the recent home games supplied Northwest with plenty of positives, its dismal 0-5 record on the road is keeping it from rising in the MIAA standings.

"Coach (Michael Smith) always says it's our house, and we have to protect it," senior guard Monique Stevens said. "I really think that's what every other team is doing on the road as well. You wanna keep the games at home because it's so hard to go on the road."

The Bearcats defeated Northeastern State (6-8, 3-4) Monday night in overtime, 57-51, behind 14 points apiece from Stevens and senior guard Ashleigh Nelson.

Nelson said the best way to find success on the road is to carry over the same things Northwest has done recently at Bearcat Arena.

"Everybody is going to hit shots on their home court," Nelson said. "I think we've just gotta take that and understand that's gonna happen. We just have to stop (the opponent's) runs shorter."



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Junior forward Annie Mathews and the Bearcat defense swarm Northeastern State guard Jamie Jackson in the paint. Northwest won 57-51 in overtime.

Smith described the crucial conference victory over the RiverHawks as a "must-win game" because of the advantageous home environment and previous two-game losing streak.

In the final stages of the game, Nelson and Stevens provided the necessary heroics, including a game-tying free throw from Stevens with just six seconds remaining.

The Bearcats' win over the RiverHawks puts them just two games out

of sixth place, although they sit in the 11th spot.

"We've had a couple of tough ones on the road the last couple of games," Smith said. "We met as a team (Sunday night) and we talked about look-

ing in the mirror and checking our effort that we'd had."

Following tonight's contest, Northwest must face the No. 2 team in the MIAA, Central Missouri, at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 18 in Bearcat Arena.

Lorek, track taking advantage of strong upperclassmen

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The Northwest indoor track team will take off Friday for Lincoln, Neb. for its first meet since coming back from winter break for the Holiday Inn Invitational.

The meet, taking place on the campus of the University of Nebraska, ranges from Division I to NAIA competition.

"There will be a large variety of schools competing," head coach Scott Lorek said. "It'll be a big meet. Track

and field is always fun because you can have such a variety. There will be Division I (teams) and everything."

Lorek has high expectations for his squads and looks forward to his teams competing at a high level during their first meet after a month-long break.

"We got through winter break with only one or two injuries," Lorek said. "They all trained hard over break, even with the weather, if they live in the Midwest area. (I am) very happy that we will have most of our athletes able to perform this week-

end."

Lorek looks for his team to reach his lofty expectations for the indoor season but more importantly to use the winter season as a building block for the spring season.

"We look for (indoor track and field) to build for the outdoor season," Lorek said. "Although, with that being said, we still want to qualify people for the indoor national championship. That is still a great thing to do and a great event. But team-wise and as a goal, we use this season as a stepping stone."

Lorek sets the bar at the national level during the indoor season for the experienced athletes on his team.

"We've got some older people like (senior) Will Haer, (senior) Ashton Nibert and (junior) Eli Smith that we are looking to do very well at the national level," Lorek said. "They kind of vary with the individual or years. It's all a building process. Some of them are near the end of their collegiate career and their standards are a lot higher compared to those who are just getting started collegiately."

Smith is a contender for the 400-meter dash, Nibert was ninth last year in the 400 on the women's side and junior Chloe Wichmann was a national qualifier in half-mile last season.

The Bearcats are also getting back junior Lekiesha McKnight, who was a two-time All-American after she was out of school for a year.

"She is doing great," Lorek said. "I think she is going to be a very big thrower for us. I think she is going to be one of our top athletes. You're going to see her name at the top of the national list."

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Senior guard DeShaun Cooper and junior forward Grant Cozad double-team a Northeastern State defender in the post in their 85-65 win Jan. 13.

Men heat up as season hits midway point

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Coming into the season with lofty expectations from inside and outside the program, the Northwest men are starting to show what made them an MIAA contender on paper at the beginning of the season. The Bearcats (11-5, 6-1) are first in the conference after starting the season 5-4 with a demanding non-conference schedule to tip off the season. After missing last year with a knee injury, senior guard DeShaun Cooper is starting to look like the First-Team

All-MIAA Cooper of 2012, averaging 17.6 points and five assists per game in the last five contests. "Actually, I feel like I'm better, to be honest," Cooper said. "When you sit out that long, you begin to learn new parts of the game from sitting and watching on the sidelines. When I get out there, I feel like I have more control of the game. I actually feel like I'm a better player." Head coach Ben McCollum sees beyond the numbers when it comes to his point guard, specifically when it comes to controlling the game. "I think he put a lot of pressure on himself early in the season to be

somebody else," McCollum said. "He needs to be Coop, and Coop is pretty darn good... Cooper plays to win the basketball game—period. "If he needs to score 26 like he did at (Fort) Hays, then he'll do it. If he needs to make assists or do this...he will do it because he's very mature in that aspect." Despite the array of scorers throughout the roster—including senior guard Bryston Williams (11 ppg) and senior forward Dillon Starzl (15.4 ppg)—the Bearcats still have lapses on offense, forcing Northwest

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NORTHWEST NUMBERS	
POINTS	DILLON STARZL (15.4)
REBOUNDS	DILLON STARZL (5.3)
ASSISTS	DESHAUN COOPER (4.4)
BLOCKS	KYLE SCHLAKE (0.9)

Intramural participation down, sign-ups for rec center basketball nears

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One of the most competitive activities students at Northwest can engage in has seen a decline in its numbers throughout the years, and with the intramural basketball deadline approaching, Facilities Director Bob Lade would like to see the numbers increase. Last spring, 41 men's and women's teams competed in intramural basketball, declining from 50 teams the year before and 56 teams the year prior. Intramural basketball, before the Recreation Center was founded 20 years ago this month, used to generate more than 100 teams to participate. Lade has a few theories on the lack of participation from the student body, including outside distractions, such as video games, and the decline of youth participation in sports. "If you're not picked on the team when you're younger, you don't play," Lade said. "But when you play the sports when you're younger, you

continue to play it when you get to college." Intramurals provide an outlet for former athletes that still itch for a chance to lace up their shoes, which leads to physical and competitive games once a week. "If you played it, like basketball, and you played on a team where they kept score, then you are a competitor," Lade said. "You want to compete. I still want to compete in things. "They learn how to be gracious winners and good losers. That's my big spiel to the captains. You can go out and make some new friends or new enemies, for that matter." Students are to sign up on the site IM Leagues by 11:35 p.m. Jan. 21, and Lade sees no reason for students not go out and play. "It's really the essence of intramurals where everybody gets to come and play," Lade said. "It costs you zero amount of money to play unless you don't have a pair of shoes. Other than that, it costs time. I don't know why you wouldn't play."



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Junior Carson Smith sizes up freshman Zach Owens in the Recreation Center in a pick-up game. The Intramural basketball sign-up deadline is Jan. 21.

Northwest assistant accepts job as goalkeeping coach for professional team in Kansas City



Nick Lampa

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Northwest soccer's assistant coach, Nick Lampa, decided to take his talents to Kansas City as the goalkeeping coach for the newly-formed Kansas City Shock. The Shock, a member of the Women's Premier Soccer League, was founded in 2012, and Lampa hopes to bring a different outlook on goalkeeping to one of the fastest growing sports in America, especially Kansas City. "Soccer is big in Kansas City and

is growing immensely," Lampa said. "I don't have much experience, so being in that developing league, it's a better fit. "I think I can bring a different view on goalkeeping. I've done a lot of research on goalkeeping and what they work on, but one of the things that I think is overlooked is the reaction part of it and positioning." Lampa was an intern in the summer of 2013 on the administration side for the Shock. Bearcat head coach Tracy Hoza mentioned to Shock head coach Wendy Louque that Lampa was

her goalkeeping coach after finding out about the opening. "Goalkeeping is a very important part of soccer and is a traditionally neglected part," Hoza said. "Nick has really stepped in and helped us out with that." Lampa was an all-state selection his senior season at St. Pius X in Kansas City, Mo. before coming to Northwest where he helped form the men's club soccer team. After joining Hoza's staff, Lampa aided in the development of Kelsey

Adams, who ended her career as a prolific goalkeeper and the No. 1 saves leader in the history of Northwest. "I've been to numerous camps, so I kind of applied those things to my coaching," Lampa said. "Obviously, as a coach you have to do research on new techniques. I just applied everything I knew and molded it to the way I wanted her to work. I think it worked out well." After the season, Lampa plans to return as a graduate assistant on Hoza's staff as he pursues his master's in sports management.

Gutsy win will propel MIAA hopes

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In the waning minutes of Northwest's vital overtime conference victory Monday night, the Bearcat women showed what it takes to win high-pressure contests. Down the stretch of what head coach Michael Smith described afterward as a "must-win game," his team showed the grit and fearlessness tightly-contested MIAA games require. Throughout the first two and a half months of the season, the Bearcats lacked a late-game scorer to sink clutch shots, especially in losses against William Jewell, Pittsburg State and Emporia State. In four games against those three teams (two against the Gorillas,) Northwest lost by a total of 15 points, in large part due to an insufficient amount of buckets at the end of games. The final five minutes against Northeastern State saw senior guard Monique Stevens and junior guard Ashleigh Nelson take - and normally make - gutsy shots Northwest longed for to continue its home winning streak. Nelson scored five of the Bearcats' final eight points on clutch free throws and a contested runner in the paint, while Stevens made the play of the night to force the extra period. Down one with 10 seconds left, Stevens went coast-to-coast, blitzing the rim to draw a foul with six ticks left. She hit one of two charity shots to force overtime, where the Bearcats eventually mustered a crucial MIAA victory. Without Nelson's brassy offensive attack and Stevens' heads-up slash to the rim late in the game, the Bearcats would have slumped away with their third straight defeat and first home loss since Dec. 7. However, Northwest dominated the extra frame, outscoring Northeastern State 8-2, giving the Bearcats an extra edge heading into a 5:30 p.m. road contest at Southwest Baptist tonight. Although Northwest sits at 11th in the MIAA with a 2-5 conference record, it remains just two games out of sixth place in a tightly-knitted middle of the pack. In order for the Bearcats to make that jump into the upper half of the conference, Nelson and Stevens must continue their hearty efforts. In college basketball, strong guard-play and experience can be the most vital weapons a team can possess, especially down the stretch and during tournament time. The two upperclassmen, along with junior transfer Ariel Easton, provide both of those tools to Northwest, a team that salivated for a crunch-time performer in tight games earlier in the season. But that thirst may have been quenched by No. 13 and No. 21, evidenced by their standout efforts against the RiverHawks. Northwest would also be well-served to continue its efforts in getting the ball to junior forward Annie Mathews in the post. The native Nebraskan is shooting a team-high .519 from the field, and also tops everyone else at the charity stripe, hitting at an .840 clip from the line. Mathews would be third in the MIAA in free throw shooting if she had enough attempts to qualify, but therein lies the problem - the post feeds need to continue for her effectiveness to peak. Wins like the one the Bearcats picked up Monday night will go a long way in earning a bid to the conference tournament - protecting the home floor, developing confidence and scrapping for emotional wins are all keys to creating a successful campaign.

Board of Regents approves curriculum, administrative changes

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Important changes for current and prospective students as well as Northwest's administration were announced at the Dec. 13 Board of Regents meeting.

Though a regular event on the Board's agenda, the group approved the revision of many areas of curriculum. This includes changes in the areas of graphic design, natural sciences and chemistry.

The fine arts department previ-

ously offered a bachelor's degree of fine arts with an option to concentrate on graphic design. The new changes will allow for students to pursue a degree in graphic design specifically.

"This is one of the areas prospective students really are interested in," Provost Doug Dunham said. "They created, specifically, a graphic design degree... for prospective students who want to go into graphic design, it's much more apparent."

In the natural sciences department, the Board approved curriculum changes to align with what employ-

ers, graduate and medical schools are looking for.

"What they tried to do was streamline the major and better align the curriculum with some of the expectations of what graduate schools and med schools might be looking for," Dunham said. "They did a lot of benchmarking - this is a project that's been about six years in the making - and looked at what employers want, what grad schools want, what medical schools want and really did a major revision."

Dunham added that the depart-

ment will now create a general biology class for natural science majors separate from non-majors.

The Board also accepted a revision to chemistry majors that will align their studies with their accrediting agency, the American Chemical Society.

Aside from curriculum approvals, the Board of Regents also accepted renaming the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship after Northwest's ninth president, Dean L. Hubbard.

"(Hubbard) put a lot of time into

the University, and it should have been done sooner, honestly," Student Regent Ashton Raffety said.

Lastly, the Board approved a list of procedures it would take if there were ever to be a presidential resignation.

"If a president were to resign, the Board would get together and appoint someone," Raffety said. The policy states that those that would qualify would be the provost, V.P. of finance or an academic dean.

The Board's next meeting will take place Feb. 7.

Students ready for spring semester



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Katie Retschulte picks up her textbooks for the spring term in the Station Monday.

Governor allots \$33.7 million to higher education

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On Sept. 12, 2013, Gov. Jay Nixon decided to allot \$33.7 million to higher education in his annual state budget, according to a press release by Press Secretary Scott Holste.

This decision was an answer to a recently vetoed bill that could have potentially taken \$1.8 billion from the yearly budget.

Mental facilities will receive \$23.1 million and K-12 schools will receive \$66.4 million in the new budget as well.

\$66.4 million for K-12 education- Without doing this Nixon felt it would create some rough times ahead for the state of Missouri.

"As Governor, it's my responsibility to keep our state's budget in balance, so I applaud the General Assembly for sustaining my veto of this



Jay Nixon

unaffordable bill and am pleased to make this funding available for these important priorities," Nixon said in the same press release. "My administration will continue to monitor the numbers carefully to ensure we protect our perfect AAA credit rating and keep the state on a fiscally sustainable path."

This provision requires that the university not raise tuition or it will not receive funds. Northwest's allocation will be announced Jan. 21.

Very little is known about what the money will be spent on according to Stacy Carrick Vice President of Finance.

"It is too early in the budgeting process to provide information with regard to how these funds will be used," Carrick said. "Beyond mandatory expenses such as health care premium increases, utility rate increases."

Northwest anticipates savings with energy upgrades

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Northwest is in the midst of upgrading lighting systems, which the University anticipates will save up to \$100,000 a year.

These upgrades emphasize the push to reduce energy consumption, increase control efficiency and cut operating costs.

Facility Services is in the process of installing several thousand state-of-the-art lighting fixtures in buildings all over campus. Now completely installed in 12 buildings, the fixtures use 40 percent less energy and provide equivalent lighting levels. Along with the fixtures, Facility Services installed sensors in a few buildings that detect whether people occupy the building and adjust light settings accordingly.

"The new equipment is some of the most energy-efficient on the market and is making a real impact on our daily electricity consumption," said Dan Boyt, Northwest's energy manager, in a press release last month.

Northwest's daily electricity consumption dropped 14 percent in the last year, due in large part to the lighting project and several other measures.

In the last year, the University also installed new control systems to improve heating and cooling, as well as variable frequency drives, which allow motors on pumps and fans to slow down when full output is unnecessary.

"Sustainability is not new," said John Viau, head of the Sustainability Office. "Any human being that's turned the soil since the beginning of time understands that you have to care for the soil, care for the water. We have to make sure that we're preparing for tomorrow by making wise decisions today."

Northwest's dedication to energy efficiency and sustainability is neither new nor singularly focused. The University participates in a myriad of pro-

grams and projects to curb waste and energy consumption and utilize alternative sources of energy. The Missouri government also takes a proactive stance on moving the state toward sustainable energy practices.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency sustainability is the satisfaction of basic economic, social and security needs now and in the future without undermining the natural resource base and environmental quality on which life depends.

In an effort to curb Missouri's demand for out-of-state resources and bolster its renewable energy profile, the Missouri General Assembly passed the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act in 2009.

Renew Missouri, an organization formed in 2006 to "advance energy efficiency and renewable energy policy in Missouri," cites the bill as "a monumental piece of legislation that paves the way for advances in utility-designed energy efficiency programs.

The law will reduce our State's reliance on coal, increase investment into energy efficiency and decrease Missourian's energy bills over time."

Renew Missouri worked with the Public Service Commission, an entity that regulates investor-owned electric, natural gas, steam, water and sewage utilities in Missouri. Technically, some of these public utilities are legal "natural monopolies," which means they operate most efficiently when managed by a single company, the antithesis of a free market in which competition drives efficiency up and prices down.

However, while both deregulated and regulated utilities saw a 44-percent increase in rates since 1997, regulated utility rates remained consistently several points lower than the rates of deregulated utilities as well as the national average. Efficiency tar-

gets, which the MEEIA establishes, not only promote reductions of the state's footprint, but they also keep average rates down for Missouri consumers and cause rates to rise less quickly.

Renew Missouri cites a 2010 study conducted by the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, which revealed Missourians could save \$4.3 billion on their electricity bills over the next 12 years through energy efficiency targets.

Proposition-C, adopted in 2008, requires investor-owned utilities to increase their use of renewable sources to 2 percent of total electricity generation by 2011, 5 percent by 2014, 10 percent by 2018, and 15 percent by 2021, according to the EIA.

Kansas City Power and Light, an investor-owned utility, awarded Northwest a \$136,385 rebate, roughly half the cost, for the investment in new lighting systems.

"The Public Service Commission and utilities find it is more cost-effective for ratepayers to incentivize conservation than build more energy-generating capacity," Boyt said.

Because Northwest used its own personnel to make the changes, the University saved another \$200,000. Overall, the investment proved wise.

Achieving bold goals includes much more than mere dollars and fixtures. Students, faculty and staff who develop energy-reducing habits contribute greatly to the University's overall success at reducing energy usage and waste.

Such habits include closing windows securely when the air or heat is on, unplugging devices and turning the lights off when not in use, taking shorter showers and utilizing the bottle-filling stations and recycling bins around campus.

"The problem is participation, getting people to embrace the green economy," Viau said.

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***February Event: Mayhem Poets**
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Free Event: "Let's go see a poetry show." That is a sentence rarely pro- claimed and usually responded to with cringes and excuses. The Mayhem Poets are on a mission to change that. Come check them out!

Hy-Vee greeter made into real-life textbook example

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Most everyone knows the Hy-Vee guy—happily and passionately greeting and socializing with loyal customers daily at the local Hy-Vee store in the heart of Maryville. Fred Mares steps up to the plate everyday. His goal, while simple, can be a bit of a challenge—put a smile on every customer’s face.

A textbook, “Workplace Communication for the 21st Century,” written by an Iowa State University professor has drawn a lot of attention to Mares and his workplace. Professor Tina A. Coffelt, a former customer of Maryville’s Hy-Vee, contributed her views to the second volume of the book and writes of Mares’ services and accomplishments.

Coffelt and her parents used to shop at Hy-Vee, where Mares and her family were on a first-name basis. Mares take interest in all of his customers, and Coffelt’s family was no exception.

“Fred excels at extending a warm, genuine greeting to every customer who enters the store,” Coffelt wrote. “He remembers people’s names and important events in their lives.”

Mares keeps pictures and news clipping with him at work of all of his customers and Maryville locals whom he cares for. Important events, birthdays, successes—you name it and Mares knows about it.

His stellar career intentions are rooted deep in his history. His mother, Priscilla S. Mares, who died in 1995, is the fuel behind his hard work and dedication to Hy-Vee and his customers. He says she always told him to take care of the customer, as the customers’ needs go first.

As Mares grew up, his mother would read a prayer to him nightly that ended, “Help me to fulfill the purpose for which I have been created... Not only to help myself but to help others.”

Mares often remembers this prayer and his beloved mother as he works to bring joy to the community as a whole. He will do almost anything to bring happiness to people, even strangers.

When Mares is in the delivery services, he was often known for stopping to charm his customers with



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Fred Mares displays his compassion and desire to do almost anything to brighten someone’s day with his musical talents at the Maryville Community Center.

a nice greeting, give roses to children and even pausing for a musical performance. He would go to the extremes of playing piano or singing just to make a customer’s day a little brighter.

In the textbook, Coffelt writes, “When one customer made her first visit to Hy-Vee after the passing of her husband, Fred sang, “One Day at a Time, Sweet Jesus” to her in the store! Years later...Fred sang the same song to the granddaughter and gave her a red rose.”

In 2010, Mares was honored with the Hy-Vee legendary Customer Service Award, where he received a ring and name plate that he displays on a daily basis. This is the highest award that can be given to an employee at Hy-Vee. The award is presented to the employees that go above and beyond and are truly dedicated to their customers’ needs.

Mares encourages people to wake up every day and love their job, just like he does. He says it’s OK to stumble and fall, just as long as you keep

trying.

“You should be driven by being happy and loving your job,” Mares said. “Everyone has issues in life, just never give up.”

Mares has a unique way of communicating with people outside of Hy-Vee. He writes a column in the Nodaway News Leader every other week relating his life to news and current events.

His column often mentions his mother and how she raised him to work hard with set goals. That virtue

is made obvious by his service at Hy-Vee.

He writes, “I’ve always been inspired by the words from my beloved late mother...she would encourage me to work hard everyday to reach my goals.”

Whether Mares is helping customers at Hy-Vee or producing inspiring words in the local paper, his hard-working tactics and outrageous kindness can be appreciated by anyone who stops to notice a humble greeter.

Circuit Court judge plans retirement after 20 years

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After twenty years on the bench, Nodaway County Circuit Judge Glen Allen Dietrich will retire at the end of 2014.

Dietrich, a Democrat, was elected in 1994 and re-elected for four consecutive terms. His term ends Dec. 31. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Kentucky and later graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

After nearly 40 years of practicing law, including sitting on the Western District Missouri Court of Appeals and a temporary appointment to Missouri Supreme Court, every case he hears is just as important to him as any other.

“The thing to remember is that every case is always important to be somebody,” Dietrich said. “I try to be

as professional as I can with every case and be as good of a listener as I can be.”

Dietrich said he learned over the course of his career that the key was to handle every case the same, even when a case catches national media attention, such as the recent Daisy Coleman case.

“When I’m in court, I’m not paying attention to who is in the gallery,” Dietrich said. “I look at every case with my best professional attitude, no matter the notoriety.”

He first came to Maryville in 1974 to teach business law at Northwest. He taught at Northwest for three semesters before deciding to practice law full-time.

After he retires as Nodaway County Circuit Court judge, Dietrich plans on traveling with his wife and spending more time with his three children and six grandchildren.



Glen Allen Dietrich

Online voter registration available in Missouri

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As the midterm elections loom closer and closer, Missouri makes online registration available to voters in hopes of increasing turnout rates.

It was successfully pushed by Secretary of State Jason Kander in an effort to boost turnout rates, but there are some that feel it can cause issues. Beth Walker, the Nodaway County clerk and election authority, feels the idea may skew the numbers of voter turnout.

“So many people register... but they are not wanting to go to the polls,” Walker said. “People are going to have to believe that their vote matters.”

Another question that has been brought up is if online registration will lead to online voting.

“There is a high possibility that we could see electronic voting in the near future,” Walker said. “This is in part because we have created a society to make everything easy.”

On the other side of the debate, there are those who believe that this

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Beth Walker

can be a better tool to benefit democracy.

Robert Dewhirst, Ph.D, is a political science professor at Northwest who feels online registration could work as a great supplement to boost voter participation; however, more things should be done.

“We need to make it easier to vote,” Dewhirst said. “This means

same-day registration and early voting.”

As of late, students and young people have had abysmal turnout rates in recent elections, and this seems like a problem that needs to be addressed. According to the Census Bureau report, the turnout rate among 18- to 24-year olds was as low as 41.2 percent in 2012.

“It is more important for young people because they have to live with the decisions for 50 years or so,” Dewhirst said. “If they want elections to benefit them, they need to show up.”

Younger people have shown excitement toward the idea of online voter registration. Political science major Sarah Bickham feels people should register online.

“Yeah, let’s do it. If I can do my taxes online, then I should be able to register to vote as well,” Bickham said. “I don’t feel voter fraud is an issue with this either. It hasn’t been much of a problem since the Civil War.”

As elections change and grow, this is a discussion that will continue on for quite some time.

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OUR VIEW:

A new year brings hope to city

From a public relations standpoint, 2013 was a bad year for the city of Maryville and the University. An outside observer would look at the controversial Daisy Coleman legal battle and perhaps unfairly question the morality of students or Maryville residents. Others may also point to the professor caught with copious amounts of marijuana and criticize the judgement of our University officials or the student journalists here at the Missourian. Whatever way you slice it, it seemed our town and our University made headlines for all the wrong reasons. We here at the Missourian, along with our fellow residents here in Maryville, have debated and hashed out every aspect of those stories, and while revisiting them is never unwarranted, the new year brings a chance to move on. The University and the city of Maryville need a positive outlook on 2014, and looking at the tentative calendar of events and proposed changes, it shouldn't be too difficult to attain.

Starting with changes affecting our fellow Bearcats, the University quickly hired former Department Chair Michael Steiner as the

new dean for the College of Arts and Sciences after only two months of searching. This provides the college with a new perspective and a vision for the future, something the Melvin D. and Valerie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies has been without for two years. However, there is a silver lining. In contrast to the preceding years, University leadership will begin working with a search firm to actively recruit candidates for the job, rather than posting the job offer and passively waiting for applications. Hopefully, this is the year that mass communication, business and agricultural students are finally granted that fresh voice in their college.

Another promising event for Northwest students in the entertainment realm is arrival of Public Enemy frontman Chuck D in February. For those who may not know, Public Enemy is the controversial hip-hop group from the 1980s that upset the established order with its politically-charged lyrics and activism. Chuck D can present an interesting and invigorating perspective on the relationship between music and poli-

tics as well as a view from the culture and race conflicts in America during the 1980s. The rapper will come for the Student Activities Center event "SAC Speaks," an event that could use someone with more cultural value after bringing "Teen Mom" star Maci Bookout to campus last fall.

Looking at the Maryville area, one can get excited about the completion and beginning of several road repair projects that are desperately needed. For young and old golf enthusiasts, the Tom Watson Junior Golf Course should begin construction sometime this year and will give youth and novice golfers a chance to improve their game at a great facility. Also, the city of Maryville will begin to offer a pre-paid summer pass that will give people access to the Mozingo Lake Golf Course, the Maryville Community Center and the Maryville Aquatic Center for a price that could save people a significant amount of money in the long run.

It's important not to forget the past; however, a optimistic outlook on the new year is essential for our campus and community if we aim to grab better headlines in 2014.

Cold weather does not disprove global warming



If you stepped outside even once over our month-long winter break, you would have concluded that it was cold...extremely cold. This presented a minor inconvenience for some and a nightmare for others. Thankfully, the cable news brigade dropped everything they were doing and reported on the incoming "polar vortex" like it was the storm from "The Day After Tomorrow." This was a chance for stations such as CNN, MSNBC and Fox News to crank out a dozen stories on the chilly weather, attacking it from every interesting or frivolous angle. However, amidst all of the complaints over the blistering cold weather, one could hear a familiar sentiment: "Wow, it's really cold outside at this particular time and place, so much for that global warming thing, huh?" Yes, because a single weather event can disprove a theory that predicts a gradual trend over thousands of years. It appears that scientific denialism is still running rampant in this country.

For those who were being productive over break and avoiding the onslaught of weather reports on television, "polar vortex" was the term used to describe the massive cold front that hit most of the United States over a week ago. All over the nation, cities and states reported record low temperatures and wind chill figures. Some northern cities posted wind chill numbers around minus-60 degrees Fahrenheit. Despite the weather being a fairly innocuous news event, it didn't take long for the climate change experts over at Fox News to cry wolf. For them and other conspiracy theo-

rists, this particular weather event signaled another blow to the liberal-created hoax of climate change. This utter idiocy makes me wonder if Rush Limbaugh and others are aware of the gigantic wall of scientific consensus they're proudly standing up against.

A 2013 Environmental Research Letters study found that 97 percent of peer-reviewed scientific studies endorse the position that humans are causing global warming. However, according to The Consensus Project, only 46 percent of the public believes there is scientific agreement on the issue. This in part due to disingenuous facts coming from climate-change deniers. They use fake experts, advocate misrepresentations and logical fallacies and cherry-pick information from scientific studies. It is downright laughable for the average news anchor or radio host to poke holes in a scientific idea generally agreed upon by thousands of expert scientists and researchers. These blind denials have a huge implication on public policy debates regarding energy consumption that will continue to surface in the coming years.

This debate is much like that between proponents and opponents of evolution in the United States. In both, a vast, scientifically uninformed population is making rash judgements and generalizations on the basic tenets of science, of which they obviously are ignorant of. It's quite saddening to see such a large amount of people persist in delusion. It's even more saddening to see those same people dictating public opinion. However, a change in opinion is really quite simple. The next time you observe a weather event that disproves a widely-accepted scientific theory, do some research on how a theory is actually formulated and publish your observations in peer-reviewed journal. If you're right, I'm sure a Nobel Prize will follow.

Students should consider the value Greek life this upcoming semester



Welcome back, Bearcats! I hope everyone's winter break was both exciting and relaxing, and that you're all ready to hit the ground running with both the new year and the new semester.

A lot of exciting things are coming up in the Greek world on campus, and if you aren't Greek, there's no better time than the present to join. The Interfraternity Council will be hosting events on Monday, Jan. 20, and Tuesday, Jan. 21, to introduce all potential new members to the recruitment process. On the 20th, the event will be the Greek Potluck, which will be hosted in the Ballroom on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union. At the potluck, food will be provided and representatives of each fraternity will be there to answer any questions you may have as well as just be available to chat. On Jan. 21, in the same room as the potluck, will be the Greek Forum. Here, fraternities will have tables showing off their top awards, trophies, accomplishments, etc., and fraternity representatives will be in

attendance to give potential recruits a better look at their respective organization. That following Wednesday and Thursday will be open houses for those interested to check out all of our fraternities and their houses. Here, you'll get personalized tours of each fraternity's property, as well as meet the general population of each fraternity. Usually, food is provided for potential recruits, so definitely take advantage of that. The week after that, all of the fraternities will be hosting recruitment events. Jan. 27-30 will be recruitment week. Friday, Jan. 31, is bid day. The Panhellenic Council will be distributing information for all those lady Bearcats looking to go through recruitment as well.

Going through recruitment was definitely one of the best decisions I ever made. I can honestly draw a proverbial line linking all of my collegiate successes, not to mention some of my very best friends, to not only my fraternity, but to the Greek system we have here at Northwest Missouri State University. It is truly one of a kind. Make sure you keep your eye out for advertisements and posters from the Interfraternity Council and individual fraternities with more information on the aforementioned dates. Also, feel free to email me at S508161@mail.nwmissouri.edu with any questions you may have. Seize the day and go Greek!



Northwest Student Senate representatives discuss issues in a meeting last year. All students are encouraged to attend the meetings held at 7 p.m. every Tuesday night in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Student Senate has much to offer campus



As we kick off the trimester I want to share the great things Student Senate is working on that will impact the student body. We have been hard at work all break getting ready to hit the ground running as soon as the students returned.

Some key areas that we will be focusing on improving as an organization are student fees, communication with students and the representation of the student body to the University administration and the city. The great thing about a new trimester is the opportunity it provides for us to better our organization and, in turn, better represent you.

Our first, and most important,

task will be the discussion and vote on proposed student fees. These are fees that touch students in a variety of ways, both seen and unseen. Every student pays fees on a per-credit-hour basis every trimester. Some examples are the technology fee, wellness fee and textbook fee.

Every spring trimester Student Senate is tasked with deciding the outcome of fees proposed by the administration. We work closely with the Finance Office and Student Affairs Office to create fair and fiscally responsible fees that will benefit the University and student population. As the proposed fees are discussed and debated, we invite students to weigh in with their opinions on the fees. We cannot make the best decisions for the student body without the student body's help.

Next, as an organization we are working on better outreach and communication with students. Through constituency reports and town-hall

style meetings, we hope to better engage students on issues that are important to them. Increased student engagement allows us to do our part in furthering our mission of advancing the interests and general welfare of every student.

Lastly, we are working on being better representatives of you. We take our interactions with you and we turn that into actionable opportunities to discuss changes for the University. We hear your voices, and we actively work with different departments to fix problems that arise, from Campus Dining to Facility Services. We can always work harder and get better at representing you.

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts, every student is welcome at our meetings 7 p.m. Tuesday at in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom. Feel free to reach out via Facebook, Twitter, email or by stopping in our office in the Student Engagement Center.

CAMPUS TALK

What are your thoughts on the recent decision in the Daisy Coleman case?



"I think it was wrong for them not to charge this guy. They should have tried harder to get to the bottom of it."

Jeremiah Hill
Mass Media



"Whichever way the case ended up, I think it points to a need for a greater respect for each other."

Max Powlowski
Campus Minister



"I'm really glad this is over, and I think people need to move on."

Amber Colgrove
Graduate Office



"I'm still confused as to why this case blew up this year. Why didn't we know about it last year when it was happening?"

Ashley Cavanaugh
Elementary Ed.



"I'm just glad they reached a decision and this issue is resolved."

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Board also approved the renaming of the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship to honor the University's ninth president, Dean L. Hubbard and appointed Michael Steiner as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A ceremony for the renaming is tentatively set for the middle of March.

On the entertainment side of the University, the Student Activities Council will host a series of events catering to every interest this semester. SAC will bring R&B and hip-hop group Kazual, a new national sensation, Feb. 12 and a SAC Speaks event Feb. 24 will feature Chuck D., creator of the well-known rap group Public Enemy and one of the most influential black Americans.

Other events to be on the lookout

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forward. To all those who supported me, I promise that what happened Jan. 8, 2012, will not define me forever."

A statement by Melinda Coleman read:

"I wanted to be present today for this hearing but have chosen to be with my daughter. I hope that today's resolution of this criminal case brings some closure for my family, especially my children, and for the community. All of us need to come together in a more positive way. These last two years have been extremely painful. But today I hope somehow, some way, that something good will come from this. Thank you, Jean, for your hard work and determination in this case."

Baker did not specify if the statements came prior to the hospitalization of Daisy, which came after an apparent suicide attempt after being harassed on Twitter when she attended a party. As of Monday, she was in stable condition at a Kansas City children's psychiatric hospital.

News Brief:
Maryville City Council will revisit debate on raising bar entry age

The City Council will hold a public hearing open to any one willing to voice their opinion at 7 p.m. during its Jan. 27 meeting at City Hall.

Student Senate President Cody Uhing sent an email to news outlets Tuesday announcing the City Council's plan to come back to the much-debated bar entry age issue.

According to Uhing's release, the council put together a plan to curb underage drinking. The plan includes raising the bar entry age from 19 to 21, as well as implementing a drinking in public ordinance, nuisance party ordinance and cooperating with the University Police Department.

Student Senate opposes raising the entry age and encourages students to attend and voice opinions during the public hearing.

this semester include the Encore Performances "Rock of Ages," New Jazz Order and Hot Club of San Francisco Presents "Cinema Vivant."

Students will also be able to continue to bask in the glory of a two-time national title with a celebration planned to honor the football team Feb. 9. Mark Hornickel, Northwest media relations specialist, encourages students to watch for more details on this event as they become available.

Moving beyond the immediate campus, Northwest welcomed a new partnership with Metropolitan Community College to benefit both MCC and Northwest students. Classes previously offered at Northwest's Kansas City Center have been relocated to MCC-Maple Woods and classes began Jan. 13.

Northwest President John Jasinski said the move "provides multiple advantages and opportunities for MCC-

Maple Woods students as well as individuals interested in continuing their education in the Kansas City metropolitan area" at the ceremonial ribbon cutting event where representatives from both schools were present,

The city of Maryville will also be revamping some of its attributes, including improving six blocks of Fourth Street, and anticipates the building of an eight foot concrete trail along Ninth street from Northwest to Main Street and along Seventh Street from Main to Davis Streets.

Besides road work, citizens can expect to see different pieces of art beginning June of this year as the city will begin its affiliation program with SculptureOne. The rotating art program based in Sioux Falls, S.D., a program that promotes the sale of art pieces by displaying them for a year in a public place.

The city is also continuing with

changes to Mozingo Lake Recreation Park. Mozingo established a partnership with the Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation in the creation of the Tom Watson Junior Golf Course. This partnership will provide discounted resources for construction. A December press release stated this donation brings the total raised to approximately \$415,000, and "the Junior Course committee is optimistic that course construction may begin as early as this year with a projected completion sometime in 2015."

As the city of Maryville works to modify infrastructure, the Maryville R-II School District has many plans to continue improving education for grades K-12.

A new Mo. tax-increase bond issue for \$10.25 million will be up for vote on April 8 that contains plans to provide secured entrances at all buildings, a district performing arts center,

a practice gym at the high school and extensive renovations and remodeling at the elementary building. Superintendent Larry Linthacum and Maryville administration worked with five civic organizations and had two town hall meetings to help organize this bond.

An open house will be available later in the spring, and construction, pending the vote, is planned tentatively for fall of 2014 in preparation for fall of 2015.

Linthicum explained the bond is part of a three-phase long range facility plan initially implemented in 1997.

"We feel like we've identified our needs and that those still exist since 1997, and we're trying to be a good steward to the patrons' money," he said. "We are very excited about that and look forward to progression as we finalize specific plans within the different buildings."

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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Dec. 19
A summons was issued for Evgeny K. Voronchikhin, 32, for driving while intoxicated at the 900 block of Memorial Drive.

There is an ongoing investigation of a stolen vehicle at the 700 block of East Fifth Street.

A summons was issued for Raymond M. Bailey, 20, for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1200 block of West 16th Street.

A summons was issued for Megan R. Riley, 19, for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1200 block of West 16th Street.

An accident occurred between Richard R. Flanagan, 83, and Jonathan D. Schanuel, 24, Kansas City, Mo, at North Main and East First Street.

Dec. 23
A summons was issued for Haylee B. Davis, 22, Lexington, Mo, for open container of alcohol in a moving vehicle at the 500 block of North Fillmore.

A summons was issued for Anna J. McKee, 21, for open container of alcohol in a moving vehicle at the 500 block of North Fillmore.

A summons was issued for Keenan A. Joiner, 22, for open container of alcohol in a moving vehicle at the 500 block of North Fillmore.

A summons was issued for John W. Turner, 41, for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to register a moving vehicle at the 100 block of West Torrance.

A summons was issued for Coby R. Cross, 21, for driving while intoxicated and defective equipment at the 300 block of East Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 900 block of West Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of forgery at the 1500 block of South Main.

Brandon C. Foster, 21, was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market.

A summons was issued for Quentin S. Martin, 20, for possession of a fake I.D. and misrepresentation of age to acquire alcohol at the 1200 block of South Main.

A summons was issued for Delmond T. Williams, 29, for no valid driver's license and failure to register a moving vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 400 block of West Sixth Street.

An accident occurred between Angela D. Martin, 42, Stanberry, Mo, and Melanie G. Houchin, 39, at the 1300 block of South Main.

Dec. 27
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 400 block of East Fourth Street.

A summons was issued for Jordan E. Wilmes, 21, for disorderly conduct at the 500 block of North Main.

A summons was issued for Alex R. Harmening, 20, for driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and careless and imprudent driving at West 16th and North College Drive.

There was a report of a vehicle accident and extrication at First and Walnut.

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at the 1000 block of Oak Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of

harassment at the 300 block of North Dewey.

An accident occurred between Evelyn J. Saxton, 77, and Chad J. Gastler at the 1600 block of South Main.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Cody B. Morse at the 100 block of South Main Street.

An accident occurred with an unknown driver at the 300 block of South Clayton.

An accident occurred between Partick A. Wake, 33, and Jacob W. Cronk, 22, Skidmore, Mo, at the 1600 block of North Main.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Michelle Hansen at the 2400 block of South Main.

An accident occurred between Mikka A. Owens, 20, and an unknown driver at the 2000 block of South Main.

An accident occurred with Kaleb A. Grady, 16, at the 100 block of East South Hills Drive.

An accident occurred between Larry O. Boyd, 79, and KCP&L at Crestview Drive and Merrill Avenue.

Jan. 3
There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at the 200 block of East Fifth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of a dog at large at the 100 block of West Cooper.

There was a report of a vehicle fire at the 400 block of West Cooper.

A summons was issued for Christopher M. Rhodes, 28, for assault at the 1600 block of South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation of

property damage at the 200 block of Volunteer Avenue.

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at the 1200 block of West 16th Street.

A summons was issued for Brian J. Bennett, 36, for a dog at large at the 1200 block of South Laura.

A summons was issued for Kiley R. Reynolds, 19, for driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, open container in a moving vehicle and failure to maintain right half of roadway.

An accident occurred between Joseph A. Bollig, 50, Kansas City, Mo, and Cara K. Rector, 32, Frisco, Tx, at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

An accident occurred between Sherri L. Volner, 52, and Danae N. Halvin, 35, Bedford, Ia, at the 1400 block of South Main.

An accident occurred with Ryan C. Schmeltz, 24, at South Main and Carefree Drive.

An accident occurred between Mary B. Thompson, 32, Peggy S. Arnold, and a citation was issued to Mary B. Thompson for leaving the scene of an accident.

Jan. 6
There was a smoke investigation at the 300 block of East Sixth Street.

There was a smoke investigation at the 2000 block of East First Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a moving vehicle at the 900 block of South Main.

A summons was issued for Brian E. Wolfe, 37, Stanberry, Mo, for failure to use a child restraint, failure to show proof of financial responsibility and failure to wear a safety belt at the 1200

block of South Main.

A summons was issued for Tyler W. Wilson, 30, for affray at the 300 block of North Market.

A summons was issued for Brett W. McClain, 36, for affray at the 300 block of North Market.

A summons was issued for Derrick R. Boozell, 26, for affray at the 300 block of North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation of a missing person at the 200 block of East Third Street.

An accident occurred between Cassandra A. Barkley, 20, Topeka, Ks, and Mary G. Sacton, 64, Graham, Mo, at South Main and U.S. Hwy 71.

An accident occurred between Austin M. Nichols, 20, and Amy N. Gastler, 34, at the 1000 block of South Main.

Jan. 13
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 600 block of South Main.

A summons was issued for William Jr. McNeal, 60, Kansas City, Mo, for failure to register a moving vehicle and improper display of license plates. There was a smoke investigation at the 200 block of West Sixteenth Street.

An accident occurred between Jacob C. Bechtold, 31, Sugar Creek, Mo, and Ichael E. Farrens, 62, at the 100 block of East Third Street.

An accident occurred between Chad W. King, 40, St. Joseph, Mo, and Tylicia V. Bradley, 35, Fairfax, Mo, and a citation for failure to yield from a posted stop sign was issued for Chad W. King.

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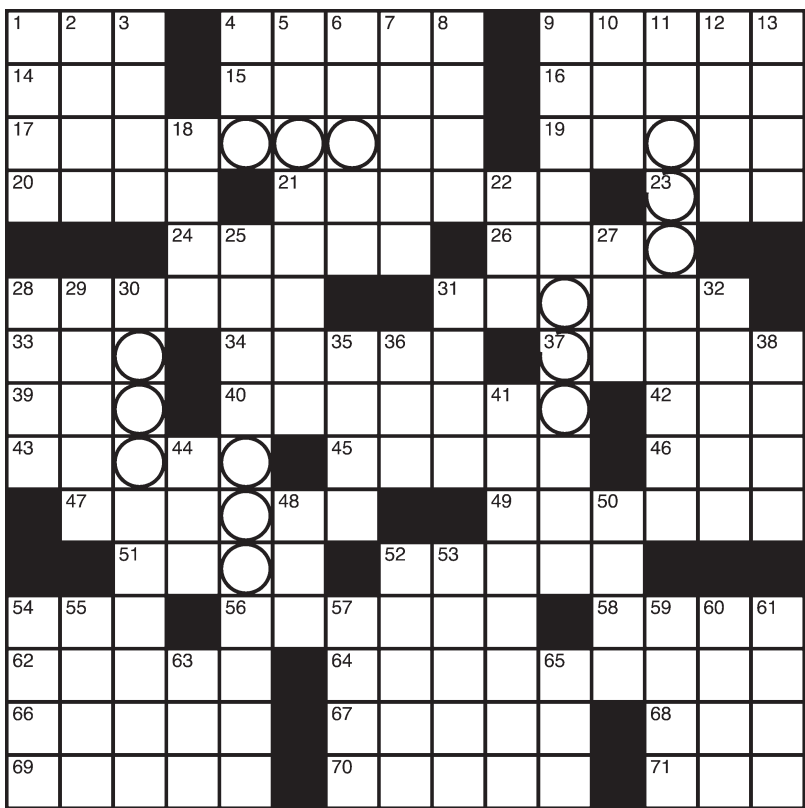
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 - 4 Mideast leadership family name
 - 9 Send to cloud nine
 - 14 Multi-platinum Steely Dan album
 - 15 Later, to Luis
 - 16 Aviator's number
 - 17 Fate of one with a cause, perhaps
 - 19 Respected figure
 - 20 Cook up
 - 21 External layer
 - 23 Distance units: Abbr.
 - 24 Mimic's shtick
 - 26 Classic doctor's aide
 - 28 Hot-tempered chef Gordon
 - 31 Slangy transition word
 - 33 Claustrophobe's cry
 - 34 Golden St. region
 - 37 Exmoor heroine
 - 39 Detachable craft
 - 40 "Jerry Maguire" distributor
 - 42 Video game initials
 - 43 More wily
 - 45 Actress Watts
 - 46 Take a course or two?
 - 47 Together
 - 49 Biological food processor
 - 51 Fashion's Gucci
 - 52 Drink it "and sleep!" beverage
 - 54 Jim's wife on "The Office"
 - 56 1998 Masters champion
 - 58 "Adeste Fideles," e.g.
 - 62 Yale founder Yale
 - 64 Not leave hanging? (or a hint to the circled letters)
 - 66 Mark with a new price
 - 67 "Someone Like You" singer
 - 68 Racket
 - 69 Impression makers
 - 70 Better song, usually
 - 71 Application datum
- Down
- 1 Window segment
 - 2 Open slightly
 - 3 Empty
 - 4 Prince __ Khan
 - 5 Construction job worker
 - 6 Ritual including bitter herbs
 - 7 Anguish
 - 8 Cathedral cap
 - 9 Monster product
 - 10 Short, shortened
 - 11 33-year "60 Minutes"



- regular
- 12 Slightly elevated
 - 13 Hits Reply All instead of Reply, say
 - 18 Quaint contraction
 - 22 Freudian article
 - 25 Pie preparation
 - 27 "So that's your game!"
 - 28 Sings like Snoop Lion
 - 29 Pungent mayo
 - 30 James Brown nickname
 - 31 Chorus voice
 - 32 Wee hr.
 - 35 Obama's mil. title
 - 36 Sharp-tack center
 - 38 90 degrees from norte
 - 41 Willing to please
 - 44 Night class subj.
 - 48 Manet or Monet, e.g.
 - 50 "Titanic" actor Billy
 - 52 Mecca native
 - 53 Hardly defenseless
 - 54 Brash
 - 55 Tar's direction
 - 57 SFO postings
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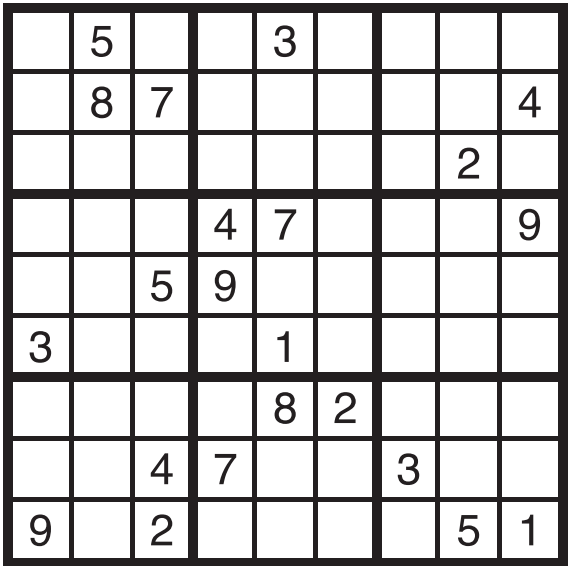
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Aries, though you are eager to plow through your to-do list, certain plans may have to be postponed due to circumstances beyond your control. Go with the flow.
- TAURUS** - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, uncover the source of a disagreement with a friend and try to come to a resolution before the disagreement escalates. Handling things promptly will pay off.
- GEMINI** - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, attention to detail this week will prevent delays down the road. Keep this mind when tending to personal as well as professional matters.
- CANCER** - Jun 22/Jul 22
You may find your mind wandering this week, Cancer. You cannot seem to focus on the tasks at hand, but work hard to limit distractions and get your work done.
- LEO** - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, respect a loved one's decision to keep a certain matter private. There's not much you can do other than offer your support and respect.
- VIRGO** - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, carefully schedule your time this week. You cannot afford to get behind in work or miss any important appointments. Stay focused and leave some time free for the unexpected.
- LIBRA** - Sept 23/Oct 23
- Libra, you are drawn to creative endeavors these days and have less patience for tasks that are not nearly as fun. Find a healthy balance between the two.**
- SCORPIO** - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, expect to serve as a mediator for your loved ones this week. The issue that arises is relatively small, but your calm demeanor and cool head will be needed.
- SAGITTARIUS** - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you may be floundering a little in the romance department this week. Stick to what your intuition is telling you, and you will come out just fine.
- CAPRICORN** - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are focused on your work, but distractions beyond your control figure to prove frustrating. Try to remain as patient as possible, and everything will work itself out.
- AQUARIUS** - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, take a breather and stop to give some careful thought to your recent experiences and your expectations going forward. You will benefit from this reflection in the long run.
- PISCES** - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, expect some valuable insight on your future to arrive in the next few days. It won't be difficult to set plans in motion.



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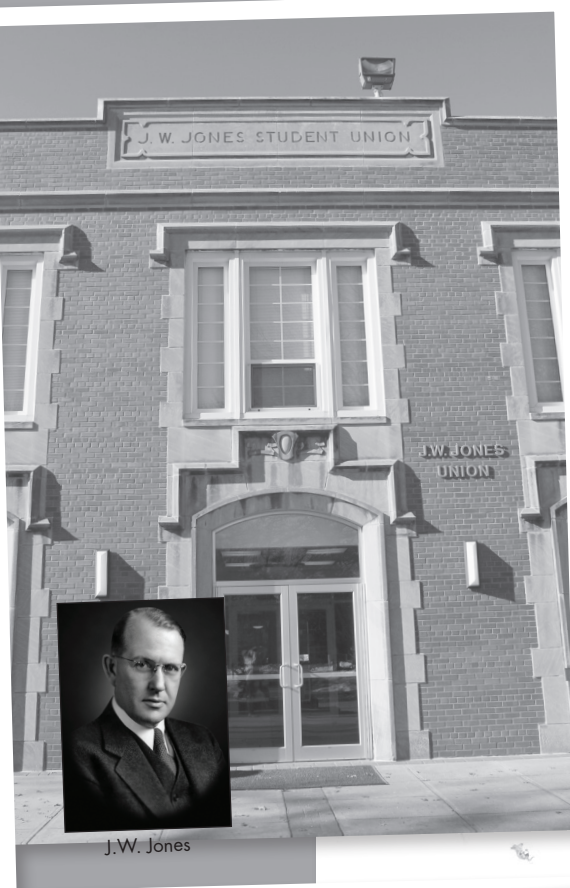
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BUNDLE	PREDICTION
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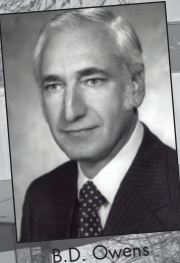


Valk Center




B.D. OWENS LIBRARY


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The library on campus was named after Bobbie Dean Owens who was once the University president. He contributed to rebuilding the University after the tragic fire in the Administration Building.



B.D. Owens




ROBERTA HALL



Roberta Steel

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Roberta Steel was a student on campus that suffered from third degree burns after a fire burned down the Woman's Residence Hall.



Wells Hall

SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Well's Hall, which was once Well's Library, was dedicated to C.Edwin Wells, who was a long-term librarian at the University.

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As we meander the uneven sidewalks of the Bearcat campus, we are making history. We are creating a name for ourselves, working toward a goal and making relationships that will last a lifetime, just as many students did before us. We are part of an ongoing cycle of success. We amble past the history made by the generations before us every day and touch pieces of untold, blurred stories of the past. Every crack in the sidewalk, torn book page and wilting tree tells a story of our legacy.

But do we ever really pause to think about these tales and how they affect us?

The residence halls on campus have character, spunk and a little part of every person who has lived there. They provide an area that is our own to call home. Academic halls have provided space where discoveries, inventions and numerous encounters with out-of-this-world ideas have occurred. Each building on campus has a story imbedded in its walls, creaky floors and most importantly, its name. These names represent people that impacted lives and left their mark on this University. The thick, bold print that lies on the sign outside each structure has a story begging to be told.

“Our process was to take different buildings as they were built or remodeled and name them after prominent faculty members that devoted a lot to their discipline and the growth of Northwest,” said former Northwest history instructor Tom Carneal.

Before all the sisterhood, Roberta Hall was known as the “Women’s Residence Hall.” It was the only building on campus that housed females. In the past, a train ran right on the edge of campus on the east side of what is now Roberta Hall. In 1951, there was an explosion that occurred near the tracks and resulted in the dormitory burning. Thirty female students who lived in the hall were injured, one of them was Roberta Steel. Steel was known for her sense of humor. She grew up in St. Joseph. As a result of the accident, several girls, including Steel, suffered third degree burns. A year and a half after the accident, Roberta died, but some say she hasn’t exactly left campus. Before her death, Steel enrolled in classes on campus in 1952, but died in St. Joseph Hospital Nov. 29. Thus the reconstructed building was named “Roberta Hall” in her memory.

If history is your niche, Wells Hall is the building on campus that screams 1938. C. Edwin Wells holds one of the

records at Northwest for being one of the longest and most helpful librarians to date. He taught Spanish American history and the Spanish language at the University before his work as a librarian. Wells Hall was originally the campus library and, therefore, known as Well’s Library. But in 1983 the name changed after the new library opened. Renovation began to Wells Hall and created the building that stands on campus today and houses several academic departments. C.E. Wells died July 6, 1952 after a long struggle with his health. The building was named after him in 1961 for the 38 years he served as a “delightful campus” librarian, according to “Behind the Birches,” a book about Northwest history by Mattie Dykes.

One of the newer buildings on campus, tucked behind Well’s Hall, has a story that outshines most. The original name itself takes most people’s breath away, literally. The Donald N. Valk Industrial Arts Education and Technology Building, now called Valk Center, is one of the most well-kept buildings on campus. Donald N. Valk was the industrial arts and technology department chair for 38 years. He helped design and engineer many structures on campus as well.

“He was very dedicated to the industrial arts (department)...He spent a lot of hours and was always open to the students,” Carneal said. “If the students had questions or wanted to meet with him about anything, he always made himself available. He was not a 9 (a.m.) to 3 (p.m.) teacher. He came early and left late.”

Valk helped design Wells Library and designed more than 100 buildings in his lifetime. One of those buildings was the Wesley Foundation Center. In 1970, the new industrial arts building was named after Valk for his multiple contributions to the Northwest campus. Valk wished his building be the cleanest, tidiest building on campus as mentioned in “Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest.” It would appear this standard is still held today.

As stressed-out students, we need a place to gather and come together as a Bearcat family to just relax. The J.W. Jones Student Union, the place everyone knows and loves, allows just that. It was originally named after President J.W. Jones. The purpose of this building was to give students a place for activities, dining and recreation—it once housed a bowling alley on the first floor. In “Towers in the Northwest: A History of Northwest Missouri State University,” by Virgil and Dolores Albertini, Jones is described as a man who could see the future and look far down the road when it came to his plans

for the University. Jones accepted his presidency in December 1945 and was the first president to have a Ph. D.

After 10 years of loyal service, Jones announced, “(Northwest) has gone on too long on too little.” Because of the large number of students enrolling that year, Jones had a vision to create new dorms and bigger classrooms for students. He had an idea that would change Northwest for years to come: he envisioned a Student Union, which opened in 1952. A few years following the opening, the Union was officially named the J.W. Jones Student Union honoring his dream.

Another favorite student hangout, filled with helpful resources, coffee and tons of available technology, is of course the B.D. Owens Library. The library on campus was named after Bobbie Dean Owens. He was once the Northwest Student Senate president and a member of the TKE fraternity. He is one of the only alumni to become a University president. He was appointed in 1977, making him the eighth president of Northwest.

“Dr. Owens was a fantastic president,” Carneal said. “He wanted to see Northwest grow into something new and bigger...(after the Administration Building fire) it could have been very easy for him to throw up his hands and say ‘Oh my gosh. We had a fire; it’s a disaster’ and instead, Dr. Owens said, ‘Okay, we have had a tragedy, but we are going to come out of this and use it to our advantage.’”

In “Towers in the Northwest,” it is mentioned that “President B. D. Owens does not seem to be the average leader. He does not fit the stereotypes...He is blessed with managerial skills, as evidence by his Ph. D. in applied economics, but he is also thoroughly academic.”

“I cannot tell you how many students he knew by name,” Carneal said. “It was a very personal time when the president was on campus and trying to get to know all the students and what they were involved with.”

After the Administration Building burned, the library was moved from Wells Hall to its present location. It was named after B.D. Owens because of his efforts to restore the campus after the fire disaster and bring a newfound light of hope to everyone in the community.

Many hidden, immense stories stand tall, brick by brick, right before us in our own home at Northwest. Our generation is retelling these remarkable people’s success as history repeats itself. The famous, wise students and educators that walked down these halls and built the framework of our University are guiding us to the next innovation.

THE STROLLER: Your man wants you to bundle up and wear some warm, cozy clothes

Well, hot diggity dog, ladies and gents, it is cold outside. It's freezing out. It's been so cold, Flick wouldn't lick a flag pole even if someone triple dog dared him. It's like Morgan Freeman narrating in your head kind of cold. Are you starting to get the picture? OK, then will someone tell me for the love of God (please hold your disgust at the implication of the existence of God till the end) why there are some idiots who insist on wearing shorts, sandals, leggings or just an all-around lack of proper cold-weather attire?

Are you ready for me to drop some factoid bombs on you? While we were on Christmas break (do atheists celebrate Christmas?) it got deathly cold, not even kidding. During that winter storm that gripped the country from Cali to the big frozen apple, 11 people died

from cold weather related circumstances. My guess, as a result of not using God's greatest gift, evolution. I know, you can't even handle this right now.

Here comes another bomb, Cats, according to a 2004 article in the Southern Medical Journal (yeah, I'm digging a bit), "Cold-related deaths are far more numerous than heat-related deaths in the United States, Europe and almost all countries outside the tropics."

That's right y'all, I did my research to bring you the truth because I care that much. By the way, science supports the existence of Jesus, but even he would've laced up the Timberlands before walking around in this weather.

I really want to know what compels some of you to just forgo some nice jeans, shoes

and winter coat. I get that expecting scarves, hats and gloves might be a little much; those are luxuries, after all. But who wakes up in the morning, walks outside to weather like this in clothes that would make strippers do a double take, and says to themselves, "Ah, it's gonna be a great day?"

I've heard tell that those leggings girls wear are, and I quote, "actually pretty warm." Really? I'm no women's fashion mogul, but I'm pretty sure they were originally created to be worn under other clothing garments. Don't worry guys, I'm not complaining just for the hell of it because we all know leggings have become the winter version of the summer dress, but these ladies have got to be cold.

This week's rant blossomed when the other day some jack ass ran in front of me

to get to the door to the J.W. Jones Student Union. When I finally met up with this shorts wearing jerk, he looked me right in the left eye (it doesn't matter how I knew which one) and said, "Jesus Christ it's cold out, uh?" I bet you're dying to know what I said back. Here was my glorious response, "Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you... but you sir, are an idiot," and he didn't even know that was a play on a Bible verse.

Then I stopped daydreaming, told him to put on some damn clothes, popped the collar on my peacoat and walked off like a boss.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WHAT'S HOT

Lohan's Comback

Because we haven't heard enough about Lindsay. Lohan's new reality TV documentary series is rumored to premiere in March on the Oprah Winfrey Network. The show will focus on her comeback and recovery in the spotlight.

Lose Your Mind

MTV's fourth season of the bloody, mind-altering "Teen Wolf" series started last week.

The supernatural season takes a twist with the character's mental state and looks to be promising as far as action and gore.

New Year's Resolutions

Choose a resolution and stick to it. If you have already thrown in the towel, it's going to be a long year. Learn something new, improve your performance, better yourself in some way. It can't hurt to at least try.

WHAT'S NOT

New Year, Newly Single

Kelly Osbourne and Matthew Mosshart have called off their engagement after a vacation proposal last summer. The couple was planning to tie the knot in July. They remain friends after the dramaless separation.

Rehab for Ke\$ha

The crazy, beautiful pop singer took a turn for the worse and checked into rehab earlier this

week for an eating disorder. She checked into Timberline Knolls in Chicago, the same place Demi Lovato received treatment.

Black on Black on Black

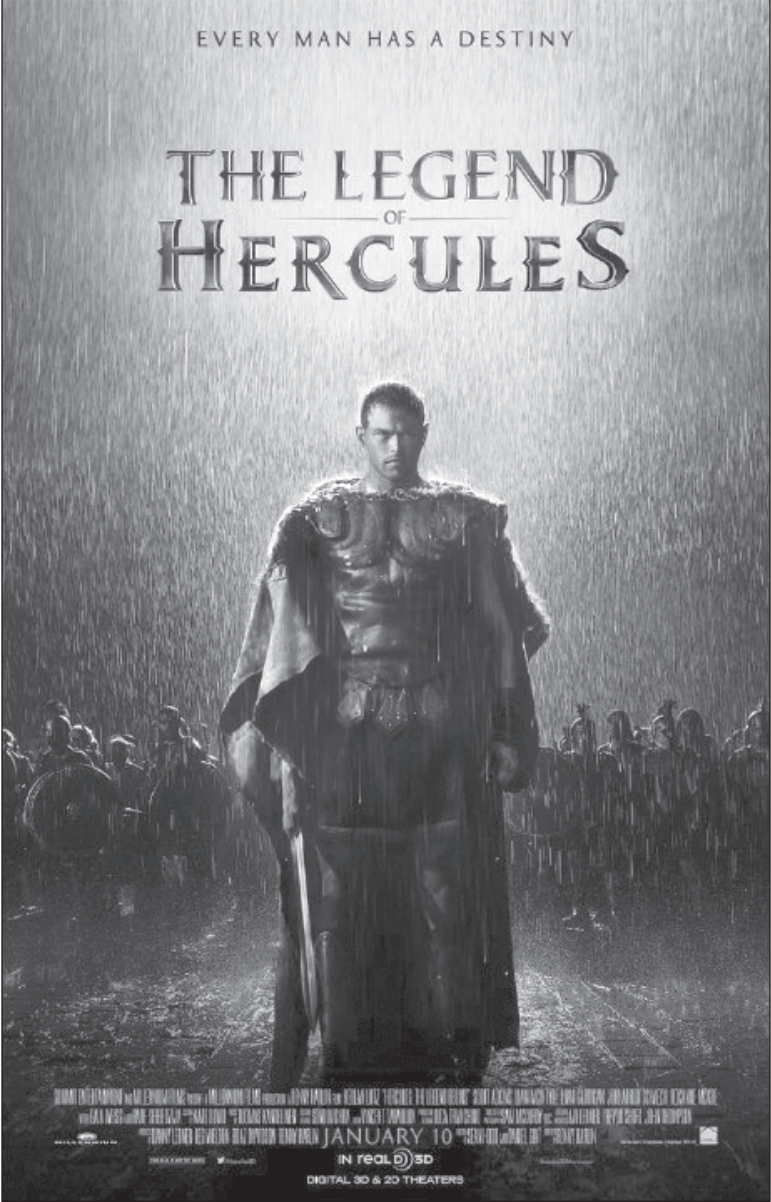
Ladies, I understand the color black. It's slimming and matches everything and makes a statement. But is it really necessary to wear a black shirt, black skinny jeans, black boots and black jewelry...along with a black handbag?

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

1. Timber-Pitbull ft. Ke\$ha
2. Counting Stars-OneRepublic
3. The Monster-Eminem ft. Rihanna
4. Royals-Lorde
5. Say Something-A Great Big World ft. Christina Aguilera
6. Dark Horse-Katy Perry ft. Juicy J
7. Let Her Go-Passenger
8. Wake Me Up!-Avicii
9. Wrecking Ball-Miley Cyrus
10. Demons-Imagine Dragons

Billboard Top 200

1. Frozen-Soundtrack
2. Beyonce-Beyonce
3. The Marshall Mathers LP2-Eminem
4. Prism-Katy Perry
5. Pure Heroine-Lorde
6. Midnight Memories-One Direction
7. Crash My Party-Luke Bryan
8. Native-OneRepublic
9. Now 48-Various Artists
10. Night Visions-Imagine Dragons



Hercules' legend turns out not so compelling

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The tale of Hercules is an intense Greek mythology classic that tells the story of the ongoing battle between Hercules and his enemy, Alcmena. In "The Legend of Hercules" that hit the big screen last week, the storyline of this conflict was spot-on, but the film's scenery and effects were a little lacking.

The movie stars Kellan Lutz (Twilight) as Hercules, who is trying to avenge the king, his step father. Hercules, son of Zeus, is sent away by the king to fight in war while Hercules' brother is to be married to Hercules' one true love. The storyline is complex and has a little bit of everything. Romance, check. Action, check. But the special effects and scenery? Not so much.

The opening scene of the movie shows Greek soldiers riding on horses as the sky dims and morphs into a dark, gray cast. The beginning of this movie looks too unrealistic and odd. In fact, all the scenes in the film seem to be a little questionable. When Hercules travels by boat across the sea to fight the war, it's obvious it is an actor standing on a fake boat in the middle of a production studio. The sea and sky look so fake, it's ridiculous. Especially the clouds in the sky. They are a

strange silver color that is not normal and moving at an unbelievably fast pace.

Also, the fight scenes were a little cheesy and obvious. There were no fights that made viewers really say, "Wow, that was awesome." It was all kind of standard punching and victory for Hercules.

The movie did get better as it progressed, however. The love storyline keeps viewers intrigued. It was also pretty cool to see some of the scenes in slow motion. The picture would slow down so you could actually see actors' expressions and the sweat, blood and mud being slung everywhere during the fighting. Random parts of the movie were also featured in slow motion, such as the horses' hooves on the leafy ground. It was a different perspective than a typical action movie, but it still didn't make up for the phony scenery and lack of awe in the fight scenes.



Rating: 2.5/5
Title: Hercules
Director: Renny Harlin
Stars: Kellen Lutz, Gaia Weiss
Release Date: Jan. 10. 2014



Kid Ink's debut 'My Own Lane' starts fresh with the new year

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It is safe to say 2014 is Kid Ink's year. His debut album, "My Own Lane," released this week and is quite impressive for an artist new on the scene. Many of his tracks have featured artists such as Chris Brown, Tyga and Pusha T.

Brian Todd Collins, better known as Kid Ink, released independent mix-tapes under the name Rockstar. The tapes are responsible for his popularity and eventually lead him to change his stage name to Kid Ink. In 2013, he signed with RCA Records and worked to produce his first official album.

The tracks sound similar to one another, but remain refreshing. The songs have a slick beat, but are all about the same tempo and mood,

which isn't necessarily a bad thing. All the hits are Kid Ink's style, though he worked with several artists to create the album. The single, "Show Me," featuring Chris Brown, sets the tempo and establishes the energy of the album.

The best songs on the tracklist showcase Kid Ink as well as other rap artists. Chris Brown appears on the album twice, as do King Los, Tyga, August Alsina, Meek Mill, A\$Ap Ferg and French Montana. Kid Ink collaborates well with other artists while sticking to his unique sound. On this album he proves he will not be overshadowed by bigger names.

One standout song is "Hello World." The song is more upbeat than the rest of the album and sends a message to Kid Ink's fans about who he is and the type of music he is ca-

pable of producing. He raps, "I been running from the sun/Trying to bring the trophy back/ To the city."

Also "Iz u Down," featuring Tyga, is a nice combination of Tyga's classic quick, party-like sound with Kid Ink's more relaxed tone.

Overall, "My Own Lane" is a mix of chill songs that are sure to entertain and make a name for Kid Ink in the future.



Rating: 4/5
Artist: Kid Ink
Album: My Own Lane
Label: RCA Records
Release Date: Jan. 7, 2014

The ultimate, impressive hip-hop duo makes a music scene come-back in 2014

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Squeals of grown men who love them some musik straight from the dirty south could be heard across the country Monday--though thinking about it, it might have just been me.

All of the excitement comes after Outkast took to Twitter and its official website to tell the world Andre 3000 and Big Boi will reunite for a 40 city festival tour after they headline Coachella in April.

The tour is a way for the duo to celebrate 20 years since joining forces, though they haven't collaborated since 2007.

Outkast gave music a much needed fresh sound when the group hit it big in 1999 with "Aquemini," bringing funk back to the masses with a modern twist and kicking off the dirty south movement. Having Big Boi and Andre 3000 back on a stage together will make this world a slightly better place.

A complete schedule of tour dates has yet to be announced, but along with headlining at Coachella, which will be the group's first performance in a decade, the duo is set to headline the Governors Ball in New York City.

Justin Beiber retiring, Outkast returning; 2014 is already looking to be a damn good year.

BEARCAT FAMILY CELEBRATES FOURTH TITLE WIN AFTER FLORENCE FINALE



KAYLA MEPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN

University President John Jasinski embraces a Northwest football player after the Bearcats defeated Lenior-Rhyne 43-28 for the national championship.

MIAA

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to rely on what aided its deep tournament run last season.

“What coach always preaches is solid defense,” freshman forward Zach Schneider said. “That’s what’s going to get us through conference play. Some nights, like at Nebraska-Kearney, we’re going to go cold from the field, and we will need our defense to rely on to pull us through.”

The Bearcats are in the midst of a physically-demanding five-game stretch in nine days, in which McCollum’s experience of coaching through the MIAA schedule shines.

“We aren’t doing anything,” McCollum said. “In between games, we’ll get up some shots and do some zig-zag drill and do some close-outs and call it a day. You can’t afford to lose their legs.”

Northwest tallied its biggest win of the season in an 85-65 thrashing of Northeastern State Jan. 13 at home.

The RiverHawks were tied with Northwest and Missouri Southern atop of the MIAA before the hot shooting of Schneider and sophomore guard Connor Crooker knocked Northeastern State from atop the standings.

Crooker finished with a game-high 20 points along with three boards, and Schneider was not far behind, tallying 19 points a pair of boards.

Cooper finished with 12 points and seven assists with just two turnovers in 30 minutes of action.

“That’s probably one of the two best halves we’ve played—the second half of Washburn and the second half right there—that we’ve played all season,” Schneider said. “So we were definitely playing at the top of our game.”

Coaches always look for a place to improve, and McCollum knows his team has to keep getting better if it wants to remain at the top of the conference.

“I still think we have a ways to go,” McCollum said. “We didn’t play well at Washburn, except for a half. At Kearney, we didn’t play well at all. It’s just one game, and we know we have to consistently play at a high level because people are going to be gunnin’ for you.”

The Bearcats tipoff against Southwest Baptist at 7:30 p.m. tonight on the road, and if the team that showed up against Northeastern State shows up for the rest of the season, Northwest will remain at the top of the MIAA food chain.

“If we come to play, we can beat anybody,” Coopersaid. “We knew that from day one when we were playing top-five teams in the nation. It’s just us showing up to play.”



Go online Saturday for NW basketball updates

All-American picks released

Three Northwest players were selected to two All-American teams following the 2013 season.

Junior defensive end Matt Longacre, senior corner Brandon Dixon and senior punter Kyle Goodburn were chosen to their respective teams for the Bearcats.

D2Football.com Team

Team	Name	School
1st	Brandon Dixon	NORTH-WEST
1st	Pierre Desir	Linden-wood
1st	John Brown	Pittsburg State
2nd	Kyle Goodburn	NORTH-WEST
2nd	Cole Manhart	Nebraska-Kearney

AFCA Team

Team	Name	School
1st	Matt Longacre	NORTH-WEST
1st	John Brown	Pittsburg State
1st	Cole Manhart	Nebraska-Kearney
2nd	Pierre Desir	Linden-wood



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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	11-5	6-1
Mo. Southern.....	11-2	5-1
Central Mo.....	13-3	5-2
Northeastern St.....	10-4	5-2
Fort Hays.....	12-3	4-3
Washburn.....	11-3	4-3
Central Okla.....	10-4	4-3
Emporia St.....	11-6	4-3
Lindenwood.....	8-9	3-4
Pitt. St.....	6-6	2-3
Mo. Western.....	7-8	2-5
Nebraska Kearney.....	5-8	2-5
Southwest Baptist.....	8-7	1-5
Lincoln.....	2-13	0-7

Jan. 16:

Nebraska-Kearney at Northeastern St.
Fort Hays at Central Okla.

NORTHWEST at Southwest Baptist

Jan. 18:

Central Mo. at NORTHWEST
Lincoln at Mo. Southern

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.....	16-0	7-0
Central Mo.....	12-2	6-1
Pitt. St.....	11-4	4-1
Fort Hays.....	11-2	5-2
Mo. Southern.....	10-3	4-2
Central Okla.....	9-5	4-3
Washburn.....	9-5	4-3
Lindenwood.....	8-6	3-4
Nebraska Kearney.....	6-7	3-4
Northeastern St.....	6-8	3-4
NORTHWEST.....	5-9	2-5
Southwest Baptist.....	6-7	1-5
Mo. Western.....	5-8	1-6
Lincoln.....	3-11	0-7

Jan. 16:

Nebraska-Kearney at Northeastern St.
Fort Hays at Central Okla.

NORTHWEST at Southwest Baptist

Jan. 18:

Central Mo. at NORTHWEST
Lincoln at Mo. Southern

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Savannah.....	6-3	2-0
Chillicothe.....	6-4	2-0
Lafayette.....	9-3	1-0
MARYVILLE.....	3-8	1-2
Benton.....	1-9	1-2
Bishop LeBlond.....	5-5	0-1
Cameron.....	2-8	0-1
Smithville.....	2-8	0-1

Jan. 16:

MARYVILLE at Auburn

Jan. 17:

Excelsior Springs at Bishop LeBlond
Falls City at MARYVILLE

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	9-3	1-0
Smithville.....	4-1	1-0
Chillicothe.....	5-2	1-0
Savannah.....	3-4	1-0
Cameron.....	2-3	0-0
Bishop LeBlond.....	8-2	0-1
Benton.....	7-3	0-1
MARYVILLE.....	2-6	0-2

Jan. 16:

Bishop LeBlond at Excelsior Springs

Jan. 17:

Falls City at MARYVILLE

Jan. 20:

Bishop LeBlond at O'Hara



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